Southfield School Building Contract Awarded By Board

Contract for construction of the third and final unit of the new Southfield high school at Lahser near 10 Mile roads, was awarded to the Walter J. Howard Co. of Detroit by the township school board Monday evening.

The Howard company submitted the lowest base bid, which was $304,857. Final net bid after alterations was $298,312. There were three other bidders. The next lowest base bid, $340,660 was made by the Atkin Fordon Co.

The Howard firm also is constructing unit B. The first two units were originally scheduled to be completed by this fall but because of bad weather and ground conditions, the work has been delayed.

THE BOARD HAD hoped to accommodate ninth grade students in the building this fall, but they now will probably be sent to another school in the district until the first units are ready, the board believes.

The third unit will include laboratories, class rooms, library and administrative offices.

Units A and B will house a bus garage, class rooms, drawing room, home economics department, storage space, power plant and shops. The gymnasium and auditorium will be constructed at a later date.

Park

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The third and largest issue of $200,000 was termed "Sites for Municipal Buildings" with the explanation that follows:

"**THE VILLAGE** wishes to buy two blocks (24 lots) extending from Pierce street to Bates street, between Martin street and Merrill street for Municipal uses. It has already purchased four lots on land contracts where the City Hall stands.

"It expects to use four more lots as a site for the Fire hall."

(This plan was later abandoned and the Fire hall was built into one end of the Municipal building.)

"The balance of the two blocks it wishes to purchase now for future municipal uses, a park, a postoffice building site or whatever seems best so that a solid municipal civic center, library and school area would extend from Pierce street to Southfield avenue."

All three bond issues were approved.

When asked last week if he thought a parking lot could be termed a "municipal use", Shain smiled sadly and replied, "I'm afraid so."

WHAT IS THE REASON for the confused beliefs about the city park land? Why was the municipal center set up the way it is? What were the founders' ideas for its use?

The concluding article next week will attempt to answer these questions while reviewing the interesting history of Birmingham's municipal property and the vital role Miss Martha Baldwin played in the future of the land.

It will explain a "friendly" suit between the University of Michigan and the Village of Birmingham and tell of a former city park that actually was restricted in its use.

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"Harry! Harry!! Harry!!"

The barker and Hawaiian dancers, Arthur (Butch) Stuart and Janie and Mary Hudson, were only one of the many attractions offered at the Quarton school circus last Thursday morning. The junior band of the summer recreation program, directed by Arnold Berndt, supplied music for the affair.

The acts, all under the direction of Nancy Chapel, included a Wild West show, an animal act of "lions", "horses" and "elephants". There were clowns, strong men, acrobats, bareback riders and all the rest that goes to make a day under the Big Top a real event. (Dick Shirk Photo)

National Affairs Committee Planned By Birmingham Chamber of Commerce

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is planning to form a national affairs committee to study national and international problems.

Letters were sent to chamber directors last week asking them to recommend four members for positions on the committee.

Manager Charles Mortensen said "at least two" of the men were out of town on vacations and results of the requests would not be able to be determined yet.

"The date of the committee appointments and the number of men to be chosen cannot be released until more complete returns are in," Mortensen said.

THE NEW committee is the result of a recommendation by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, of which Birmingham is a member.

In addition to studying the various problems, the national affairs committee would make reports and recommendations on them to the board of directors for any action they care to take on behalf of the membership.

"In view of present world conditions and governmental tendencies, such a committee could be a great asset to the chamber and to our community," Mortensen said.

Drivers

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Of the 847,886 persons who took driver license examinations in Michigan last year more than 90 per cent were renewing their applications. The total also represents an average of more than 4,000 examinations for each driver license examiner. There is an equivalent of 187 full time examiners in the state.

ONLY SIX OF 43 states reporting to the National Safety Council in a special poll have any form of examination for renewing driver licenses. In addition, with the exception of Michigan, the six states have required only partial examinations.

The abbreviation of renewal tests in Michigan will not affect the suspension, revocation or restriction of licenses of drivers who accumulate bad driving records. This will follow the same procedure as in the past.

Kiwanis Club to Meet With P. A. Streeter

Second of the Kiwanis club's summer steak fries will be held next Tuesday evening at the home of Phillips A. Streeter, 5425 Brookdale.

The meeting this week was held at the home of Claude Whipple. Three more out-door sessions are planned this summer.

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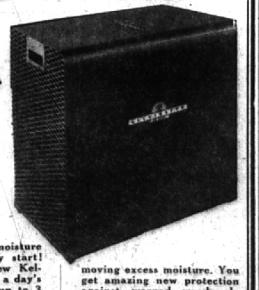

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Family Service Being Staffed Ahead of Schedule

Merging and staffing of the Royal Oak and Pontiac offices of the Family Service of Oakland county has been completed ahead of schedule, according to Paul N. Averill, group president.

"Our next step is to move into our Birmingham office this fall and complete our personnel staffing," Averill announced.

Mrs. E. J. Anderson has been authorized to locate and secure an office for the organization, Averill said.

The Royal Oak office opened last month with both "office space and staff increased in terms of expanded service to that area," he said.

THE FAMILY Service of Oakland County was formed in January by the merging of the Family Service Association of Southern Oakland county and the Family Service Center for the Pontiac — Birmingham — Bloomfield Hills area.

Mrs. L. C. Van Boven, former president of the Family Service association spoke of the organization's work before the merger in this way:

"We hope that more families with personal and family troubles will take advantage of the improved services and consult our trained social workers.

"Many families have been led out of unhappiness into a full happy life through the help of our professional staff."

The next meeting of the service group will be held Oct. 12.

DPW Declines Praise for Cleaning Downtown Sidewalks

Mark Fall, DPW head, claims that a statement appearing in the Chamber of Commerce's July bulletin concerning sidewalk sweeping is all wrong.

The statement, from the business committee of the Chamber of Commerce, commended the DPW for a "thorough sweeping last week" of the sidewalks in the downtown business district.

"Somebody's mixed up," Fall said Monday. "We didn't touch those sidewalks."

FALL SAID the double curbs had been swept and would continue to be done periodically. He explained that the department's "limited" budget would not permit the sidewalk cleaning.

"It's not a matter of taking the tractor down there," he pointed out. "The meter posts would make it necessary to sweep in between them by hand."

He added the double curbs were cleaned because merchants swept debris onto them from the sidewalks.

LEGAL NOTICES

John E. Martz, Attorney, 727 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan.
No. 54,881.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of July A. D. 1950.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Rachel E. Williams, Deceased.

Eva M. Williams, administratrix of said estate having filed in said Court her final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof; determination of the heirs of said deceased; assignment of the residue of said estate; and the discharge of said administratrix;

It is Ordered, that the 7th day of August A. D., 1950 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
13-19-20

Expediter

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in the interest of the best government possible for our community."

In their letter to Wood, Emery and Gilliam pointed out that in the decontrol hearing, "chief thought and importance was given to the seeming inequities of the rent regulations and their administration and enforcement with little or no thought given to evidence as to whether or not there no longer exists a shortage in rental housing accommodations as to require rent control".

"A personal check with Commissioners (Milton F.) Mallender, (John S.) O'Gorman and (Chad M.) Ritchie discloses that no current individual or joint factual report of investigation has been prepared.

"To be dissatisfied with the provisions, administration and/or enforcement of a certain law or regulation is one thing.

"**TO COMPLY** is another. "We do not feel that the provisions for decontrol procedure have been complied with either in letter or spirit and that therefore our governing body has not served the welfare of our community well in this instance.

"We believe that a comprehensive investigation or survey should be made and a factual report presented by the commission. Then, and then only, if rent decontrol is justified it should be accepted by all.

"If this is not done we believe our commission to be guilty of noncompliance with the provisions of the federal law.

"We trust that your department will defer decontrol of rental housing in the city of Birmingham until the suggested investigation be completed and you are satisfied the letter and the spirit of the law have been complied with."

EMERY TOLD The Eccentric he didn't believe the commissioners were "bad fellows, but they haven't done their job properly."

In Detroit, Area Rent Director William C. Haines said Tuesday that his office has had no word from Washington concerning any "stop order" or "investigation".

"Our local office might conduct an investigation, if ordered, or there might be done by the Cleveland regional office or Washington itself," Haines explained.

Varsity Football Players Urged To Condition

All candidates for the Birmingham high school varsity and reserve football squads were urged this week by Coach Vince Secontine to start getting into condition. Practice will start Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Pierce field.

He suggested that candidates for the squad contact Capt. Gordon Shira and start work on a conditioning program.

HE EMPHASIZED that players should get their football shoes early and toughen the soles of their feet so they won't get blisters after the season gets under way.

Secontine said that players should plan to adjust their summer vacations so that they can report for practice the first day. The coach stated it was imperative that candidates be on hand Aug. 28. That week the varsity team will work out twice a day until school begins Sept. 5.

CANDIDATES FOR the reserve squad will report at 10:45 to Coach John Simonds. Secontine said that this year for the first time the reserve team will be separated from the varsity.

He said plans were made for a reserve squad because last year's junior high school team was one of the best in several years and he wishes to keep those players together as much as possible.

The reserves will have a six-game schedule and the first tilt will take place the latter part of September.

HIDEOUTS

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Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

A few days ago we received a letter from an old Detroit concern. Across the bottom, in small type, was printed the credo of that firm, as follows: "My business was not started to do the gainful thing alone, but the just and honest thing, gainful if possible." The initials "H. C." which followed were those of Mr. Hamilton Carhartt, who founded his now famous manufacturing concern in 1889. In this day when we are so accustomed to look for jokers in the small type, it was really exhilarating to read small type with such a message.

As we shoved this letter aside we saw right underneath a financial journal of national circulation with the following headline: "Corporate Earnings 46.5% Over 1949 . . ." This article went on to describe in detail how corporate earnings had jumped skyward in almost every industry during the first half of this year.

We were a bit confused as we read about these large profits, and then followed through to read all about the price increases these same firms were now inaugurating. Take a few for instances: Office equipment firms reported a net gain of 3.5% over last year, so the price of a standard typewriter is increased $5; Tobacco firms showed a net gain in profits for the same period of 6.4%; so the price of cigarettes is increased a nickel a carton wholesale; Oil companies show a net gain in profits of 17%, so the price of gasoline goes up half a cent; Textiles show a gain of 75.4% in net profits, so the price of clothing starts up all along the line.

This could go on for quite a while longer, but you get the general idea. Department store sales for last week in New York were 39% higher than the same week last year. So you get another idea.

Just two weeks ago we ran a Cracker Barrel column earnestly asking our customers to buy only what they need. The response was quite wonderful. We had very few purchases made which we even thought could be panic buying. If the same restraint was shown in other Birmingham stores, then the people of this community have surely done their part in preventing shortages.

But unfortunately, very unfortunately, it would seem there has been tremendous panic buying throughout the country. So much so that both political parties seem to be rushing to be counted as favoring immediate price controls and rationing. Rationing and price controls may be forced upon us, but we will shortly regret anything we have done to bring them about.

It's likely that about the first item to be rationed will be butter. With only 200,000,000 pounds of surplus butter in storage, this would seem a good place for the government planners to commence. Sugar ought to be early on the list, too. For after having bought all of the surplus Cuban crop, our government will surely press for sugar control. This will be especially true since a statement has just been issued that there is plenty of sugar.

We'll probably set up another huge bureau to handle this price control and rationing. We'll get another group of crackpots together to head it up. In no time at all they'll have everything so snafu that we won't know where we're at at all.

It sort of seems funny that we keep telling everyone we are fighting to preserve individual fredom, yet at the first sign of misfortune we decide to regiment everyone. It's really no wonder that our propaganda has a false ring, and isn't too well accepted. There's quite a gap between action and words.

No matter how serious a situation may be, it is never too serious for politics as usual—or bigger than usual. Watch just how each political party will try to maneuver the other into a ditch. And no matter which political party ends up in a hole, we can be sure we'll all be there with 'em.

When we started the Village Store we told you we wanted to be your buyer. We have tried to obtain the things you asked for. You have been our boss. So now, we think it is right and proper that we should tell you, as your buying agent, that things are getting a bit tight. The last two weeks have made tremendous changes. Manufacturers are rejecting orders, trying to cancel others on which they have issued committments. Quite a few items are getting scarce.

For one thing sure, we don't want you to start panic buying. But we also think it entirely unjust if we do not state that panic buying throughout the country in the past month is likely to make it difficult for you—for a time. We really believe that the good sense of the American people will finally prevail, and that there is and will be enough for all. But at this point, when good sense has not been properly exercised, this is not the case.

It seems a shame that you people, who have been so decent about refraining from buying more than you need, might be the victims of those who were greedy. It isn't right that prices should go up because artificial shortages have been created by the greedy. It just isn't right that those who have acted properly should be penalized because others have been hogs.

Yet, my friends, these are the facts. And you are entitled to know them.

We are doing all we can, from day to day, to protect your interests. We have refused to accept certain things at higher prices; we are insisting upon delivery of others at prices previously set and agreed upon. We will not go along with any plan which is calculated to "help" some supplier at the expense of our customers. We will do whatever we can to stem the tide of higher prices.

What we can do is problematical. But one thing we can and will do is this: We won't raise any price on any article bought at a lower price, even though its replacement may cost more.

You can buy with confidence at the Village Store, and it's going to continue that way. For with Mr. Carhartt we will say that this business was not started to do the gainful thing alone.

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